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Applicant(s): Rafail Zubok, Antonio Valdevit, Michael W. Dudasik, and Joseph P. Errico			Docket No. SPINE 3.0-455 CONT II

Invention: CERVICAL DISC REPLACEMENT

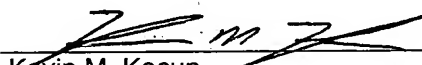
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-18, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: